

## Project Update: October 2018

After the characterisation and sampling of small mammals, we proceeded to the conservation awareness of the Tanoé-Ehy swampy forest (FMTE) and small mammals. Our team organized environmental education and conservation days in different schools in some villages around the FMTE.

### 1-Sensitization

Conservation awareness of FMTE and small mammals was carried out in five villages around the forest. The number of people globally affected by this awareness is about 10535 people. The table below shows the number of people per village.

Villages	Number of population
Nouamou	2300
Dohouan	2000
Kotoangnuan	3500
Kongodjan	1500
Yaoakakro	1235

### 2-Environmental Education

Five pilot schools including four primary schools and one middle school were chosen for this activity. We taught the basics about ecosystem conservation with the collaboration of primary and middle school teachers. Then we proceeded to ask questions to see if the children understood the message. It should be noted that 90% of the students interviewed understood the message. We will continue for future sessions for the 100% to understand. About 1,450 students benefited from these conservation teachings. The table below shows the number of students per school.

Schools	Number of students
EPP Nouamou 1	325
EPP Nouamou 2	275
EPP Kotoangnuan 1	350
EPP Kotoangnuan 2	300
Modern College of Nouamou	200

EPP: public primary school

**NB:** Work continues with radio awareness messages and signs.

